

**Inventory Management in Defence Operations**

1244. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inventory management in defence operations is still highly routinised resulting in abnormal delays, excessive inventories, etc.;
- (b) if so, whether Government have made any plans to introduce modern Information Technology in inventory management of defence operations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) to (c) The CAG in its report on "Review of Inventory Management in Ordnance Services" has noted abnormal delays and excessive inventories among areas of concern. The Government has accepted the most of the recommendations and has made plans to introduce modern Information Technology in inventory management of defence operations. Computerized Inventory Control Project (CICP) envisages complete automation of Inventory Management in Ordnance Depots by March, 2005. The Phase I of the project which includes automation of inventory management functions of COD, Delhi Cantt, and Management Information System/Decision Support System requirements of concerned section of OS Directorate at Army Headquarters and Ministry of Defence as a Pilot Project, is likely to be completed by December, 2001. The Government has also approved a project for "Computerization of Canteen Stores Department on a turnkey basis" in June, 1998 which is under implementation. A project entitled "ASC Store Monitoring and Control System (ASMACS)" has also been prepared for the ASC supply depots/FOL depots.

2. The Indian Navy has set in place a fully computerized and networked "Integrated Logistics Management System (ILMS)" for the provisioning and procurement of general stores, machinery and spares which is in operation since 1997. The cases for the Computerization of the weapon stores in the Weapon Equipment

Depots and also for Armament Stores and Air Stores has been initiated. A similar system for armament stores and air stores will be fully functional by end 2001. An Integrated Material Management Online System (IMMOS) project for Inventory Management is being introduced in the Indian Air Force.

**Talks with Russia on defence related issues**

1245. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high powered Indian delegation held talks with Russian authorities at Moscow in defence related issues, recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the extent to which agreements made with Russian Government in defence related items, are going to strengthen our defence requirements;
- (d) whether the country would also have access to Russian Aero Space Technology; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) A Defence Ministry Delegation led by the Raksha Mantri visited Moscow during June 2001 for the first meeting of the India—Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation. The discussion covered the entire gamut of Military Technical Cooperation issues as well as measures to strengthen the bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the increased level of defence cooperation between the two countries and the resolution of outstanding issues in this area. The discussions also covered international, regional and bilateral strategic issues of interest to both countries.